Reaction of US to Indo-Iran gas pipeline project

999. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether United States of America is pressurizing Government under 123 atomic agreement to cancel the gas pipeline agreement entered into with Iran;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) No, Sir. In the recently finalized India-US Agreement for co-operation in peaceful uses of nuclear energy (the 123 agreement), there are no references to any issues related to Iran.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Committee for pricing of gas from KG basin

1000. SHRI VIRENDRA BHATIA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the issue of pricing of natural gas from the Krishna-Godavari Basin has been referred to a Committee of Secretaries;

(b) if so, whether, the Committee of Secretaries have arrived at. a price which is acceptable to the Ministries of Power, Fertilizers, State Government of Andhra Pradesh and other Stake holders;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay in arriving at a price and the measures initiated to expedite the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) On terms of the provisions of Production Sharing Contract (PSC), RIL has submitted a price formula for sale of gas from KG Basin for approval of the Government. This price formula has been considered by Cabinet Secretary who was asked to go into issues of gas pricing.

Government has now constituted an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) to consider issues related to gas pricing under the NELP regime.